



Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Council Chambers
Land and Reservation Committee
August 31, 2018

Call to order: 9:09 a.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Emily Proctor, Treasurer Marcella R. Reyes

Tribal Council Present: none

Legislative Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, General Counsel Jim Bransky, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wes Andrews, Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. Alan Proctor, Gaming Enterprise Board Chair Denise Petoskey

Executive Staff/Official Present: Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Environmental Response Specialist Traven Michaels

Judicial Staff/Official Present: none

Guests: Lamar Advertising Rich Sheffer, Odawa Casino Resort Director of Slots Dennis Shananaquet, Odawa Casino Resort Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin

Public: none

Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to adopt the agenda as presented.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to approve the Minutes of August 3, 2018 as corrected.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

Phone Polls:

-08/17/18 Motion to cancel and reschedule the September 7, 2018 Land and Reservation Meeting at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, August 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Comments: none

Phone Poll Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent

Motion carried.

New Business:

Discussion: Lamar Advertising and Mackinaw Billboard

- Lamar Advertising's second proposal is to remove billboard #3 and rebuild it 80 feet north of the current billboard site #2 to include a 70 foot high digital billboard that allows for advertising on both sides. Billboard #4 southface will be digital in the north direction going over the bridge.
- A heavier, steel plate flag style billboard will be built. Wind and load calculations will be incorporated into the construction.
- The lights would be turned down low for Mackinaw City's dark sky and brighter during the day due to sunlight.
- Construction time would be one (1) week.
- The Tribe would be entitled to advertise on both sides of the #2 billboard.
- The Tribe would receive 20% of revenues from signs #1 and #4.
- Environmental Response Specialist Travel Michaels will assess the Odawa Casino Resort Mackinaw properties for additional promotional signage that would be owned by the Tribe. This would reduce the overall revenues 15% for billboards #1, #2, and #4.
- Mr. Sheffer will need to discuss the options listed above with the General Manager of Lamar Advertising and bring back a proposal.

10:15 a.m. Break

10:37 a.m. Meeting resumes

Discussion: Housing

- Tribal Citizen Donna Budnick commented for ten (10) years the Tribe has talked about housing and yet nothing has been done.
- The Executive has worked on a housing plan and has not received any direction from the Tribal Council.
- Vice-Chairperson Stella Kay and Housing Director John Givens have been working on tax credits.
- Tribal Council can bring USDA loans and low income tax credits for supportive housing.
- Reviewed notes taken from the Land and Reservation Committee on January 19, 2018.
- Trust status of the 37 Acres on Cemetery Road is as follows:
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Land Management is reviewing the Land and Trust Applications and is in the review process
 - There are encroachment issues
- Infrastructure for wells, sewage, and electric needs to be reviewed.
- Environmental assessment to be completed by Environmental Response Specialist Travel Michaels and Water Quality Technician Lauren Dey.
- May need a new, bigger water tower to handle pressure.
- Obtain former Environmental Services Coordinator Christina Coger and Environmental Specialist-Air Jonathan Mauchmar's research on how to become our own utility.
- The Land and Reservation Committee is requesting an "invite only" of Tribal Government employees and Odawa Casino Resorts Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin and Electrical Technician Dave Heinz to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 5, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss Housing.

Old Business:

Discussion: St. Martin Island Lighthouse and Property

- Create a management plan to stabilize the two buildings from falling down. This would suffice grant requirements.
- The costs associated with the stabilization and restoration vs doing nothing will be expensive.
- To date, no quote has been obtained for stabilization.
- Wes has received an email from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding a quick fix to suffice a short term plan.
- There are grants available for restoration but a management plan is required. It is possible the Fish and Wildlife Service could provide equipment , supplies, and manpower.
- United States Coast Guard agreed to maintain the fractured light in the lighthouse.
- Councilor Proctor is requesting a plan from Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wes Andrews .

Discussion: Garden Island Cemetery

- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wes Andrews is requesting Tribal Council views of what they want.
- The Midewin Lodge will send a written statement of how the cemetery should be taken care of.
- Wes also contacted the Catholic Church on how they maintain grounds.
- This meeting between the Tribe and Minnis Kitigon Drum (MKD) Group will hopefully produce a working, positive relationship.

Motion made by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to acknowledge the verbal report from Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wes Andrews on Garden Island and St. Martin Island Lighthouse and Property.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion carried.

Discussion: Lears/Anderson Road signage

- General Counsel Jim Bransky will send Director of Property Operations Barry Laughlin and General Manager Eric McLester an email to obtain their thoughts on the proposed Certified Motion Designate Land Use of Parcel Located at 2000 Anderson Road and Assignment to Odawa Casino

Discussion: Land Parcel #112

- General Counsel Jim Bransky to review Land Parcel #112 to see if it's worth purchasing.
- Environmental Response Specialist Travel Michaels is available to begin a Phase I Assessment.

Discussion: Odawa Construction Ad-hoc update

- No movement per Ad-hoc committee member Councilor David Harrington

Closed Session-no

12:00 p.m. Public Comment Opened

- Traven Michaels-When will Victory Square buildings be completed?
- Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. (OEDMI) status report. The building for Boston's Bar & Grill and Starbucks should be completed in November. The Radisson Hotel will be completed next year.

12:01 p.m. Public Comment Closed

12:04 p.m. Motion made by motion by Councilor David Harrington and supported by Councilor Proctor to adjourn.

Comments: none

Vote: 3-yes; 0-no; 0-abstain; 0-absent

Motion Carries

Next Meeting Date: Friday, November 2, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.